

Akhimie Is Utilities Director

Vincent O. Akhimie was named Polk County utilities director in August.

For the past three years, he has been director of the public works department of the city of Miami Beach.

He holds a bachelor of science in engineering and a master of science in civil engineering from the University of Washington, and is a candidate for a doctorate in civil engineering, public administration and urban planning from the University of Michigan.

His professional career began as a consulting engineer with Lewis-Redford Engineers in Bellevue, Wash., in 1968. The following year he was hired as senior city planner and senior civil engineer by the city of Ann Arbor, Mich. In 1977, he became director of the Dept. of Transportation for the Kentucky/Indiana Planning and Development Agency in Louisville, Ky.

In 1982 he was hired as director of the planning and development department of the Atlantic County Transportation Authority in Atlantic City, N. J. In 1986, he



Vincent O. Akhimie

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was named director of the traffic and parking department of the city of Stamford, Conn., and in 1992, was hired as director of the public works department of Oak Park, Ill.

He held the same position in Miami Beach from 1994 to 1997.

He has been a soccer coach and referee, and has held positions of leadership in the YMCA, Lions Club, and Rotary Club.

He and his wife have a 17-year-old daughter and an 11-year-old son.

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